these rules. As per the provisions of these rules, the import of e-waste is regulated under Schedule 3 of these rules wherein Electrical and Electronic Assemblies are covered under category A 1180 in the list A and B 1110 in list B of the Schedule 3. The import of such waste is permitted only for direct reuse and not for recycling of final disposal.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests had also constituted a Task Force to finalise the Guidelines for Environmentally Sound Management of e-waste for the State pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees of the union Territories and the industries for handling e-waste. Guidelines have since been finalised for the Environmentally Sound Management of e-waste.

Pollution of river Ganga

1428. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are 41 points of sewerage discharge in Ganga river at Kanpur city due to which whole river has turned into dirty pool;

(b) whether Government is aware that now when the Magh Mela is going on, the Ganga is polluted beyond belief;

(c) whether Government is aware that Ganga has receded beyond the Ghats and Ghats have become very filthy;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(e) the amount of money that was sanctioned and spent on clean Ganga project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As per the Central pollution Control Board (CPCB), there are 23 drains identified at Kanpur carrying sewage, out of which 19 drains have been tapped so far. Under Ganga Action Plan Phase-I, treatment capacity of 171 mld (million litres per day) has been created in Kanpur out of total sewage generation of 439 mld in the town.

(b) The CPCB monitored the water quality of rivers Ganga and Yamuna at various locations, including Sangam at Allahabad and found no appreciable change in water quality due to increase in fresh water flow in the river during the last Magh Mela.

(c) and (d) The river banks generally encounter silting problem due to occasional recession of river water level. The concerned local bodies undertake periodic cleaning of the ghats.

(e) Various projects amounting to Rs. 963.53 crore have been sanctioned so far for pollution abatement of river Ganga under Ganga Action Plan (GAP) Phase-I & II in the states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal, against which an expenditure of Rs. 757.08 crore has been incurred so far. Kanpur and Allahabad towns in Uttar Pradesh are covered under the Plan.